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1. SUMMARY. BRAZILIAN PAPERS CARRIED STORIES ON THE FINDLEY PROPOSAL FOR MUTUAL ON-SITE INSPECTION OF BRAZILIAN AND ARGENTINE NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND REPORT THAT ARGENTINA WANTS CLOSER COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL ON NUCLEAR MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

2. BRAZIL'S TWO LEADING NEWSPAPERS, "O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO" AND "JORNAL DO BRASIL" CARRIED STORIES ON AAUGUST 27TH ON REP. FINDLEY'S SUGGESTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA TO ALLOW RECIPROCAL INSPECTION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES (SEE REFTTEL). BOTH STORIES GAVE STRAIGHTFORWARD COVERAGE TO THE FINDLY SUGGESTIONS, WITH THE ESTADO PROVIDING MORE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL.

3. ACCORDING TO THE ESTADO STORY DATELINED IN WASHINGTON, REP. FINDLEY SUGGESTED MUTUAL ON-SITE INSPECTION OF NUCLEAR PLANTS TO EASE SUSPCIONS THAT COULD LEAD TO UNCLASSIFIED

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A PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA. IT ALSO CARRIED FINDLEY'S STATEMENT THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND NOT AT THE REQUEST OF THE WHITE HOUSE OR STATE DEPARTMENT. THE ESTADO REPORTED THAT FINDLEY FELT THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS BETTER RECEIVED IN ARGENTINA THAN BRAZIL BECAUSE "...BRAZIL IS VERY SUSPICIOUS OF THIS TYPE OF SUGGESTION

COMING FROM THE U.S..." IT ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FINDLEY THOUGHT "...THERE ARE REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BE REJECTED OUT OF HAND." THE ARTICLE ALSO NOTED FINDLEY'S PLANS TO PURSUE THE PROPOSAL THROUGH THE BRAZILIAN AND ARGENTINE EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON.

4. APPARENTLY SPECULATING ON THE BRAZILIAN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL, THE ESTADO ARTICLE STATED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BELIEVES THE BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM TO BE COVERED BY ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS AND...."BECAUSE OF THIS CONSIDERS THAT THE INSPECTION OF FACILITIES, AS SUGGESTED BY PAUL FINDLEY, WOULD NOT BE USEFUL." THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF DECLINED TO PUBLICLY COMMENT ON THE FINDLEY PROPOSAL.

5. THE ESTADO DE SAO PAULO PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ON AUGUST 28 PURPORTING TO CONVEY EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW OF ITS CORRESPONDENT WITH VICE-ADMIRAL CASTRO MADERO, PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (CNEA). ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA IS BEING DISCUSSED ACTIVELY THROUGH MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION BY RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF FORMAL AGREEMENT FOR NUCLEAR COOPERATION. CASTRO MADERO, ALTHOUGH REFUSING TO CONFIRM THIS ALLEGATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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SAW NO PROBLEMS IN CLOSE NUCLEAR ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WHILE THEIR NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS EMPLOY DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGY, HE SEES POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION IN BASIC RESEARCH, SAFETY ISSUES, NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING, TRAINING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION. CASTRO MADERO SAID GOA IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT BRAZIL'S ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING PLANTS BECAUSE IT BELIEVES IN GOB'S PEACEFUL INTENTIONS AND IS SATISFIED WITH ASSOCIATED SAFEGUARDS, ADDING THAT ARGENTINA HAD NO NEED FOR THESE TECHNOLOGIES. GOA, ACCORDING TO HIM, BELIEVES THAT DIFFERENCES WITH BRAZIL ARE NEGOTIABLE AND THAT REGIONAL (CONTINENTAL) APPROACH TO NUCLEAR COOPERATION IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS. ARGENTINA IS NOT IN NUCLEAR COMPETITION WITH BRAZIL BUT IN SOLIDARITY WITH FRG/GOB ACCORD, ALTHOUGH IT CANNOT ASSIST PROGRAM. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE WAS DEVOTED TO DESCRIPTION OF CNEA PROGRAM AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. CRIMMINS

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